Army Central Welfare Fund:

A sum of Rs. 30,000/- has been paid to next of kin of each deceased Armed Forces personnel.

Petroleum Product Agencies:

A Special Scheme for direct allotment of 500 oil product agencies to the next of kin of those killed in Kargil operation was announced. Under this scheme applications from 425 widows/next of kin have been received. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas have approved allotment of oil product agencies in 281 cases. The remaining 144 cases are in progress.

Houses by the Delhi Development Authority:

The Delhi Development Authority have formulated a scheme named 'Vijay Veer Awas Yojana' in New Delhi for providing dwelling units for the families of officers and jawans killed in operation and to those disabled. Under this scheme, 134 flats have already been allotted.

The grievances of the members of the bereaved families of Kargil martyrs reported in Dainik Jagran of 31st May, 2000 onwards generally relate to financial assistnace by the State Governments, construction of roads, construction of memorials, naming of places of public utility, etc. These matters are within the administrative jurisdiction of the respective State Governments and/or Local authorities. The Central Government do not have any information about the pronouncements made by the concerned State Government/Local authorities and about their implementation.

Rajiv Longowal Accord

*157. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is seething discontent in Punjab for non-implementation of Rajiv-Longowal Accord; and

(b) with the party in power in Punjab being an ally of the Centre whether any progress has been made towards the implementation of the Accord?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) There are no reports of seeting discontent in Punjab over the implementation of the Rajiv-Longowal Accord.

(b) Rajiv-Longowal Accord included 11 items, of which 8 have already been implemented. The three items which remain to be implemented are: (1) All India Gurudwara Act (2) Territorial Claims and (3) Sharing of Rivers Waters.

As regards All India Gurudwara Act, the Ministry of Law, Government of India has prepared a draft Bill in 1986 in pursuance of the Accord. All the State Governments/UTs were requested to give their views regarding the enactment of an All India Gurudwara Act. In response thereto, the State Government of Punjab sent another draft Bill in 1993. There has been no unanimity on this so far. In the meanwhile Chief Commissioner, Gurudwara Elections, Chandigarh prepared a draft Bill in 1999 on his own initiative which has been circulated to Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar, National Commission for Minorities and the concerned State Government/UTs for their views and suggestions which are awaited.

With respect to territorial claims between Punjab and Haryana, Government of India would like the concerned States to amicably sort out their differences over the issue and would be willing the matter.

The Ravi Beas Waters Tribunal is seized of the issue regarding sharing of River Waters between the States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan. The Ministry of Water Resources also intends to convene a meeting of the concerned Chief Ministers.

Death in Kawadi open cast mine

*158. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kawadi open mine mine tolled 10 deaths due to accident during the month of June, 2000;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the accident; and